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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HAMRETSKY, Yuri Markovych
d.o.b. ca. 1935

SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/29 from a collaborator in France

1. Subject, a historian from the University of Kiev, who was on a UNESCO grant in France during March and April 1968, left for Germany on 24 April, where he was to do some research in Marburg, Goettingen, Tuebingen. While in France, the Subject visited the Ukrainian scholarly center, the NTSh (Shevchenko Scientific Society), in Sarcelles, Near Paris. He also met with several Ukrainian emigres and reportedly stayed overnight in the home of Arkadiy ZHUKOVSKY on several occasions. The Subject was seen alone at the Folies Bergeres one evening. He complained to Ukrainian emigres that Nikolai RESHETNYAK, Soviet Ukrainian representative at UNESCO, Paris, was trying to restrict his movements.

2. When ZHUKOVSKY gave the Subject a copy of Do Khvyli* Subject was delighted with the book and expressed the view that there was a real demand for similar books in the Ukraine. He said Ukrainian emigres do a great service to Soviet Ukrainians by publishing such books. "You must understand that we must have our Lenins, people like Skrypnyk, Khvylovyy, and others with whom our contemporaries should be familiar and to whom we could point in our argumentations." He said that not every one can follow in the path of Chornovil, but others must perform quietly, with difficulty, to "strengthen our potential." He said that the present was not a propitious time for Chornovils, that the Soviet nationalities policy was undergoing one of its negative turns and that nothing

*Do Dhvyli (On the Current Situation in the Ukraine), by Serhiy Mazlakh and Vasyl' Shakh-ray, edited by Ivan Koshelivets (July 1967) A book by two Ukrainian left wing Social Democrats, who joined the Bolshevik ranks in the latter part of 1917. It is an accusation against the Bolshevik policy in the Ukraine. The authors charge Lenin with betraying his prerevolutionary promises to the Ukrainian people. The argumentation is national communism.

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spectacular should be expected in the near future. It is better to wait for more opportune times and, in the meantime, "one must continue his daily work." Warning against any hopes that Ukrainians and Russians would be allowed to follow the pattern of recent developments in the CSR, Subject was of the opinion that the liberalization in Czechoslovakia may have some negative repercussions for Soviet citizens.

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